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11. (C/NF) Summary. The Scottish Government severely underestimated the both USG and UK public reaction to its decision to grant compassionate
 Reaction to USG Statements

12. (C/NF) The UK media have widely reported on FBI Director Mueller's letter to MacAskill and Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff Admiral Mul

13. (C/NF) The media have also reported growing concerns that American anger over the decision will translate into a boycott of Scottish whiske

14. (SBU) Scottish Government statements, including those from Salmond, have acknowledged the "strongly-held views of the American families," t
 Scottish Parliament Holds Emergency Session

15. (SBU) The Scottish Parliament holds an emergency session Monday at 1430 local time (August 24), calling on Scottish Justice Minister Kenny

16. (SBU) Scottish opposition political figures, like Scottish Labour leader Iain Gray and former Scottish First Minister Jack McConnell, have
 Compassionate Release for Oil and Gas?

17. (SBU) The UK media widely speculates that the UK Government had a hand in the decision to release Megrahi in order to maintain good diplome
 UK Government Reaction

18. (C/NF) Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who is currently on holiday in Scotland, has refrained from comment. Acting PM Chancellor Alistair Darl
 UK-Libya

19. (C/NF) Foreign Office North Africa team leader Rob Dixon told Poloff August 24 that the UK has been telling the Libyan Government, through
 UK-Scotland

110. (C/NF) Dixon termed "absurd" MacAskill's comment (in his original August 20 statement about Megrahi's release) that the UK Government's re
 Comment

111. (C/NF) It is clear that the Scottish Government underestimated the blow-back it would receive in response to Megrahi's release and is now

112. (U) Tripoli minimize considered.
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